MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Evan. Lutheran Synod and Ministerium.

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

CONVENED AT ORGAN CHURCH, N. C., MAY 1st, 1862.

WITH THE

MINUTES OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY APPENDED.

SALISBURY, N. C.:

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MINUTES.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, convened at Organ Church, Rowan County, on Thursday, May 1st, 1862, at 10 A. M., and was opened by a discourse of the President, from the text, Ezekiel ix: 4th, 5th, and 6th verses.

After an intermission, Synod again assembled, and was opened in the usual manner. The roll was called, and the names of the clerical members with their delegates, were registered as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Rev.	JOHN D. SCHECK,	*Gibsonville, Guilford Co., N. C.*
"	WILLIAM ARTZ,	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,* "
"	SAMUEL ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan,* "
"	JOHN H. MENGERT,	*Wilmington,* "
"	JACOB CRIM,	*South River,* "
"	J. B. ANTHONY,	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,* "
"	JOSEPH A. LINN,	*Gold Hill, Rowan,* "
"	JAMES D. STINGLEY,	*Granite Hill, Iredell,* "
"	SIMEON SCHERER,	*Salisbury, Rowan,* "
"	L. C. GROSECLOSE,	*Salisbury,* " "
"	JOHN SWICEGOOD,	*Shady Grove, Davidson,* "
"	G. D. BERNHEIM,	*Charlotte,* "
"	JOHN S. HEILIG,	*Mill Hill, Cabarrus,* "
"	D. I. DREHER,	*Concord,* " "
"	B. C. HALL,	*Shaw's Mills, Guilford* "
"	CALEB LENTZ,	*Statesville,* "
"	WILLIAM A. JULIAN,	*Lexington,* "
"	J. L. SMITHDEAL,	*Newton,* "
"	JAMES R. SIKES,	*Shady Grove, Davidson,* "

LICENTIATES.

Rev.	A. GRIMES,†	*Hay Meadow, Wilkes Co., N. C.*
"	L. A. BIKLE,§	*Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus,* "
"	W. KIMBALL,§	*Salisbury,* "
"	G. F. SHÆFER,	*Concord,* "

*Absent, but afterwards appeared. †Absent and excused. ‡Received this session. §Ordained at this session.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. AUGUSTUS H. E. SCHECK,	*From Rev.*	*John D. Scheck's*	*Charge.*
Maj. L. G. HEILIG,	"	"	*William Artz'*	"
PETER TREXLER, Esq.,	"	"	*Samuel Rothrock's*	"
C. R. MILLER, Esq.,	"	"	*Jacob Crim's*	"
Mr. DAVID BARRIER,	"	"	*J. B. Anthony's*	"
" ELI LENTZ,	"	"	*Joseph A. Linn's*	"
" D. HOFFMAN,	"	"	*Simeon Scherer's*	"
" BENJAMIN F. FRALEY,	"	"	*L. C. Groseclose's*	"
" JOHN F. BLOOM,	"	"	*G. D. Bernheim's*	"
" THOMAS J. DOTSON,	"	"	*John S. Heilig's*	"
NATHAN KRIMMINGER, Esq.,	"	"	*D. I. Dreher's*	"
Mr. T. M. SHOFFNER,	"	"	*B. C. Hall's*	"
" JACOB LENTZ,	"	"	*J. L. Smithdeal's*	"
JOHN YOST, Esq.,	"	"	*W. Kimball's*	"

The President then read his Annual Report, which was accepted and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—More than fifty years have elapsed since the formation of this Synod; and during this long period, many changes have come over it. The past year begun with clouds of doubts and apprehensions, then followed a brilliant succession of victories which swept every cloud from the horizon, and then a sky darker and stormier than ever before. Alternate hopes and fears, successes and reverses, have kept every mind in perpetual excitement, and men have lived in the last twelve months, half a century of ordinary life. The battle field has drank in the blood of many of our parishoners, who at the commencement of the present ecclesiastical year, stood at our altars, and whom we followed with our prayers, and to whom we imparted our affectionate counsels, have fallen in defence of our homes, our lives, and our earthly all; while we have mourned the departure of so many loved ones at home. But God be praised, our ministerial ranks remain unbroken; and we are all here to-day to call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless the name of our heavenly Father, and to charge them not to forget the benefits connected with the past.

The Constitution makes it my duty to furnish you with a statement of my official acts during the past year, which I proceed to do:

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Soon after the adjournment of Synod last May, I forwarded, as you directed me to do, a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. Wm. Gerhardt, with a view to connect himself with the Synod of Pennsylvania.

On the 8th of October, I received a communication from Rev. D. H. Bittle, in which he says, "I am about to unite with the Synod of Texas, and should be pleased to have a dismission from our Synod through you, its President. His request was complied with on the 9th of the same month. On the 26th of December, I received a letter from Mr. G. F. Schæffer, of Concord, desiring to obtain *ad interim* license to preach the Gospel. Not having the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with this brother, I conferred with one of the

ordained ministers of this body, and being fully satisfied of his moral worth, &c., I sent him such a license as I conceived the Constitution authorized me to grant.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

On the 3rd day of August, I received through the Secretary of the Faculty of North Carolina College, a statement of the standing of Mr. Rumple, a student in said Institution, and a beneficiary of this Synod. As this is a subject of some importance, and which must claim the attention and action of Synod, I will advert to it again.

In the month of August last, the Eastern Conference met at Frieden's Church in Guilford county, and then and there continued the examination of Rev. James R. Sykes, as directed by the Ministerium. The Conference having sustained his examination, he was ordained a minister of the Gospel of Christ by the imposition of hands and prayer. Under date of the 9th of January, Rev. J. L. Smithdeal writes: "I have received and accepted a call to the Newton charge." On the 17th of March, Rev. S. Scherer informed me that he had resigned the mission field in Catawba on the first Sabbath in January, and that he had commenced preaching to the congregation worshiping at Bethel, in Rowan county. Our aged brother Grimes, wrote me on the 2d of April, assigning reasons for his absence from Synod, and likewise enclosing his parochial report. As the wants of this aged brother, must to some extent, be met by this Synod, I recommend that his letter be read, and that an effort thereupon be made to relieve his pressing necessities.

In conclusion, permit me to offer a few recommendations.

With reference to our College, I have not been advised of its past history or its future prospects, and therefore have nothing to offer.

The subject of Home Missions—the establishment of a book concern, from which we may furnish our respective charges with Hymn Books, Catechisms, &c., together with the formation of a Southern General Synod, I respectfully recommend to your prayerful consideration.

Brethren, I need not remind you that we are in the midst of a *war unrighteously* waged upon us, which has already arrested the tide of public prosperity, and subjected thousands of our citizens to suffering, impoverishment and death; and brought on ruin and demoralization, from which a recovery cannot be expected for many years to come, attaching to the chief actors, a responsibility of the most fearful character.

Our lately happy country has been converted into a nation of soldiers—brethren armed against each other. Peaceful pursuits are laid aside, and war has become the all-absorbing topic; belligerent armies have mustered to the conflict, which has been prosecuted with a determination and fierceness, which have no parallel in our previous history. As the God of Providence has permitted the counsels of our best statesmen to fail, and all suggestions of an amicable adjustment to be set aside, we may well conclude that He has permitted the crisis to occur for inscrutable purposes.

Into his hands we are constrained to commit all the issues, humbly acknowledging, that all our former boastings have been quickly hushed, and our prosperity paralyzed, as a righteous punishment of our sins, and to teach us that there is a God above us, whose approbation must be sought, and whose authority must be respected. Let us be humble, and God will be merciful to us.

Amidst the clash of arms and the booming of cannon, let us be encouraged by that voice from heaven: "Fear not I am with you: be not dismayed, I am thy God."

Brethren, in retiring from office, I tender you my sincere thanks for the confidence reposed, and pray that God may bless us in all our deliberations.

JOHN D. SCHECK, *President.*

P. S. Since writing the above, I have been informed by brother Smithdeal, that he has recently organized a church in Catawba county, which promises to do well. They will seek a connection with this Synod during its present session. Several commodious churches were dedicated during the past year. One in the charge of brother Sykes, and another in the charge of brother Julian, which no doubt will be brought to your notice in the reports on the state of religion. J. D. S.

The election was now held for the Officers of Synod, which resulted as follows:

President—Rev. DANIEL I. DREHER.
Recording Secretary—Rev. JOSEPH A. LINN.
Corresponding Secretary—Rev. SAMUEL ROTHROCK.
Treasurer—MATTHIAS BARRIER, Esq.

Rev. J. L. Smithdeal from the Synod of South Carolina, presented his credentials with a view of becoming a member of this Synod, when it was

1. *Resolved*, Unanimously, that he be received.

All papers for Synod were now called for, and handed in, and the regular standing committees appointed, viz:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On the President's Report*—Rev's John H. Mengert, Simeon Scherer, and Mr. David Barrier.

2. *On Petitions and Vacancies*—Rev's J. B. Anthony, Jacob Crim, and Thomas J. Dotson.

3. *On Unfinished Business*—Rev's B. C. Hall, William A. Julian, and Mr. T. M. Shoffner.

4. *On Finance*—Rev's Samuel Rothrock, G. D. Bernheim, and Mr. John F. Bloom.

5. *On the State of Religion*—Rev's William Artz, J. L. Smithdeal, and Jacob Lentz.

6. *On Proceedings of Conferential Districts*—Rev. John S. Heilig, Caleb Lentz, and N. Krimminger, Esq.

7. *On Education*—Rev's John D. Scheck, James R. Sykes, and W. Kimball.

The Parochial Reports, having been called for and handed to the Secretary, were arranged as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	Congregatiuos	Baptisms. Adults	Baptisms. Infants	Communicants	Confirmations,	Admissions,	Restorations,	Dismissions,	Expulsions,	Death of Members,	Funerals,	Edu. and Mis. Soc's.	Sunday Schools,	Teachers,	Scholars,	Bible Classes,	Prayer Meetings,		Contributions: Local,	Contributions: Benevolent,
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" J. H. MENGERT,	1	00	23	94	00	1 00	4 00	1	8	00	1		2	21	00	00				
" JACOB CRIM,	1	5	9	70	29	4 00	00 00	00	5	00 00			00	00	00	00				
" J. B. ANTHONY,	2	1	33	500	35	00 00	5 00	6	15	00	2		8	60	00	00				
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" G. D. BERNHEIM,	1	2	10	46	10	8 00	2 00	2	8	00	1		5	30	00	00			15 00	17 25
" JOHN S. HEILIG,	2	5	14	263	26	8 00	9 00	2	5	00	1		7	65	00	00				
" D. I. DREHER,	1	1	27	283	14	0 00	2 00	2	13	00	1		7	45	00	1				19 00
" B. C. HALL,	3	00	18	148	6	2 1	00	2	2	00	00		00	00	00	1			3 45	
" W. A. JULIAN,	3	5	10	288	13	0 00	00 00	2	7	00	1		6	30	00	1				
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" J. L. SMITHDEAL,	2	00	00	59	00	1 00	00	2	1	4	00	1	6	30	1	1				
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Thd Report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Synod now adjourned by rising, until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, to give time for the ministerial meeting.

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FRIDAY, MAY 2d, 9 o'CLOCK, A. M.

The members of Synod assembled and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, having special reference to the sad condition of our country.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Brother Joseph Shive, commissioner from the Davie Mission, appeared, and was received as a member of Synod.

The report of the committee on the Constitution for the relief of superannuated and disabled ministers was presented, and on motion, it was taken up *seriatim*, considered and adopted.

Pending this discussion, Synod took a recess until 1½ o'clock, P. M.

During the recess, brother G. F. Schæffer preached from the text, Gen. iii ch. 24 v. first clause: "So he drove out the man."

After the aforenamed recess, Synod re-assembled, when the Rev. F. H. Wood of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and cordially invited to a seat amongst us, as an advisory member.

The Constitution deferred was resumed by discussing and amending its several articles, and finally adopted it as a whole.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of Synod do not insert the Constitution of the Society of Special Relief in the minutes for this year, but that the Secretary of said Society retain the Constitution until such time as Synod may order its publication.

The Corresponding Secretary made his report, which was adopted:

REPORT NO. 1.

Your Corresponding Secretary would report that he has not been furnished with a single copy of the minutes of any sister Synod; or any other data from which to make out a report, and therefore has none to present.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. LINN, Cor. Secretary.

The report on petitions and vacancies was next presented and adopted:

REPORT NO. 2.

The committee to whom the papers on Petitions and Vacancies were referred, beg leave to report that the only documents which have been placed in their hands are:

1. A petition from Thyatira Church, Catawba county, for admission into

connection with this Synod. Your committee recommend that said Church be received into connection with this Synod.

2. A letter from Mr. H. B. Eilers, of Wilmington, giving a full statement of the present condition of our Mission Church there. Your committee recommend that said letter be read before Synod.

3. Is a petition from the Church of Charlotte, requesting this body to hold its next annual meeting in that place. Your committee recommend the application to the notice of Synod, when fixing the place of meeting.

4. Is a communication from St. Matthew's and Jerusalem Churches in Davie county, which are vacant, requesting to be supplied with preaching by some member or members of this Synod the ensuing year. Your committee refer this petition to the consideration of the action of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. ANTHONY,
JACOB CRIM,
T. J. DOTSON

In relation to the first item in the foregoing report, it was

3. *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners from Thyatira Church be granted.

In reference to the petition from the Churches in Davie county, it was

4. *Resolved*, That the Churches above mentioned be referred to a committee, who shall make such arrangements for their supply as may be deemed necessary, to-morrow. Committee—J. B. Anthony and G. D. Bernheim.

REPORT NO. 3.

The committee on the state of religion in the several congregations report as follows:

In Bro. Bernheim's charge there has been a revival of religion at his country preaching place, which resulted in the addition of several members to our Lutheran Zion. He says: I have here a catechetical class composed of members of other churches as well as our own, who all study Luther's catechism together. Here we expect to erect a comfortable church edifice as soon as the state of the country will admit. In the town church, which is mostly attended by females, in consequence of the war, there has been a considerable addition of members, great attention is paid to the preaching of the word, and that in this interesting field there is strong hopes that our Zion will eventually flourish.

Bro. Sikes writes, that although his prospects are not so flattering as one could wish, yet the state of religion is better than it has been; our prayer meetings are increasing in interest, and a general desire for religious instruction prevails.

Bro. Julian says: The state of religion in my charge is not so good as formerly, owing to the changes that are taking place in our country; my salary will not be made up the ensuing year; yet we hope for better times in the future: may the Lord give great success.

Bro. Scheck says: The pressure and excitement consequent upon the war,

have not been without their effects on us: nearly fifty persons connected with my charge are now on the field, and the absence of some of them is sensibly felt. The preached word is well attended, and my charge is making an effort to increase my salary.

Bro. Hall writes: The state of religion in the Guilford pastorate seems increasing; especially at Lau's church. The ordinances are well attended, and a commendable liberality is practiced. During the past year some ten or fifteen persons have professed a hope in Christ and several were added to the church.

Bro. Smithdeal says: I have not been long in the Catawba charge; yet I believe it is doing more for the Gospel than it has ever done. We organized a congregation which petitions this Synod for admission. We have a bright prospect before us, and by the blessing of Heaven, we hope soon to make an interesting report to Synod, as I am missionating in a new direction.

Bro. Kimball reports: That in his charge the house of God is well attended. We have three prayer meetings and two Sabbath Schools. We had some special seasons of grace. Some sixty members were added to the church by the rite of confirmation. The revival spirit has not yet died out, many of my people are still hungering and thirsring after righteousness. They have manifested a greater liberality in the support of their pastor this than last year.

Bro. Scherer writes: That he has served one congregation since the commencement of this year; and that a meeting had been held by Bro. M. M. Miller, which resulted in the hopeful conversion of probably more than forty persons, who were added to the church. Prayer meetings have been attended, and recently, I have commenced instructing an interesting class of catechumens. The usual interest is manifested in the ordinary preaching of the word.

Bro. Heilig says: That the state of religion in one of his churches is particularly encouraging; and in consideration of all the circumstances, he has no reason to complain; but feels encouraged to persevere; and with the blessing of God hopes to build up the Redeemer's kingdom in that part of His moral vineyard.

Bro. Mengert writes: The state of religion in the Wilmington charge, which is now vacant, has given me considerable concern from the commencement, and will remain a subject of solicitude and prayer with me after my pastoral relation with it has come to a close. May the great Shepherd of the sheep give unto this people a pastor after His own heart, and may they be brought more and more to realize the importance of our Saviour's declaration; "He that heareth you, hearth me," &c.

Bro. Artz says: Since the commencement of the war and the suspension of our College and other literary institutions at Mt. Pleasant, my meetings at Mt. Carmel church have been very sparsely attended, and that principally by the few remaining members. Most of these are singularly attentive, and we believe enjoy themselves in religion.

Bro. Dreher writes: That the state of religion in his charge is not what he would wish to see, yet the attention to the preached word is respectable. But there is not that deep-toned piety and thirsting after righteousness which the troubles of the times demands.

Bro. Anthony states: That there is nothing of interest in his charge.

Bro. Linn reports: That the attendance on the ordinances of God's house and other means of grace is unusually large and strict. Though the congregations have become somewhat lessened by a large migration to the seat of war.

Bro. Crim writes: That the state of religion in his charge is more encouraging than at any time past.

Bro. Rothrock writes: That good attention is given to the preaching of the word, although the number of hearers is not so large as in former times, as many of the members are in the army.

Bro. Groseclose says: That in the Salisbury pastorate, the state of religion is, under all the circumstances by which we are surrounded, as favorable as could be expected. The Lord, while chastening the nation for it sins, has not utterly forsaken His people who call upon Him with the prayer of faith. In a meeting at Union church there were fifty-five professed conversion, and thirty-nine additions to church membership.

In conclusion, your committee have reason to believe that notwithstanding the very great perplexity and pressure of the times, the labors of our ministry have been blessed, and the course of religion and our Zion is still onward.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ARTZ,
J. L. SMITHDEAL,
JACOB LENTZ.

Synod now adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by bro. Swicegood.

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Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The members of Synod re-assembled, when half an hour was spent in the usual devotional services, after which the roll was called and Synod proceeded to business.

Whereas, for some years there has been no correspondence between this Synod and the German Reformed Classis of N. C.; and whereas our present political condition has had the happy effect of uniting Southern Christians more closely together than formerly, therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we elect a corresponding delegate to present our christian salutations to said body, and invite the re-opening of fraternal correspondence.

The committee appointed to draft a schedule of appointments for the Davie Mission, reported the following, which was adopted.

REPORT NO. 4.

In the month of June—Rev. G. F. Schæffer the first Sunday at Jerusalem church—the second at St. Matthew's. Also, Rev. L. C. Groseclose, second Sabbath at Jerusalem church.

In July—Rev. C. Lentz, first Sunday at Jerusalem—second at St. Matthew's.
In August—Rev. J. Swicegood as above.
In September—Rev. L. A. Bikle " "
In October—Rev. J. Crim " "
In November—Rev. J. B. Anthony, first Sunday.
" " Rev. G. D. Bernheim, 2nd "
In December—Rev. S. Rothrock as above.
In January—Rev. S. Scherer " "
In February—Rev. W. A. Julian " "
In March—Rev. W. Kimball " "

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. ANTHONY,
G. D. BERNHEIM.

The report on unfinished business was presented and adopted.

REPORT NO. 5.

Your committee on unfinished business have found but one item claiming the attention of this body, namely: the appointment of a Special Committee to report a plan for the successful establishment of a Female Institution within the bounds of our Synod. The Synod would no doubt like to hear from said committee.

B. C. HALL,
W. A. JULIAN,
T. M. SCHOFFNER.

Leave of absence was asked and granted to Messrs. T. M. Schoffner, J. F. Bloom and J. Yost during the remainder of the present session of Synod.

The committee on the proceedings of Conferencial districts reported, which report was adopted.

REPORT NO. 6.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

This Conference held two meetings during the past year. The minutes contain nothing demanding the attention of this body.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

This body convened four times the past year. In the minutes of this Conference, we find the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Synodical Missionary Society have failed to hold any meeting for the purpose of making out an apportionment of funds required to meet our Missionary liabilities as contemplated by the action of our last Conference meeting, therefore—

Resolved, That we, as a conference, request the Synodical Missionary Society to make the aforenamed apportionment for the several churches, and forward the same to each pastor as early as convenient.

Your committee recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of the Synodical Missionary Society.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

This Conference held four meetings since last Synod. We are pleased to observe a commendable zeal in the brethren composing this body.

An enterprise which bids fair to augment the interest of the Lutheran Church of North Carolina, is referred to in the following preamble and resolution, found on the pages of their minutes:

Whereas, the above enterprise bids fair to become a great auxiliary in building up the Lutheran Church within our bounds, and particularly that of the Eastern Conference, therefore—

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the favorable consideration of Synod this enterprise, with a view to secure its cordial co-operation.

In regard to the above, your committee would recommend—

1st. That the brethren of the Eastern Conference be invited to explain to Synod the nature of the enterprise, alluded to in the foregoing preamble.

2nd. That, should said enterprise meet the approval of this body, Synod extend to the brethren its sympathy and cordial co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. HEILIG,
C. LENTZ,
N. KRIMMINGER.

Bro. D. M. Blackwelder, Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, appeared and took his seat among us, and was cordially invited to a participation in all our deliberations.

The report of the committee on the President's Report, was next submitted and adopted.

REPORT NO. 7.

With a view to economy in the publishing of our minutes, your committee have endeavored so to condense the President's report, as to preserve intact its general feature; that part of it which relates to his correspondence with the Secretary of the Eastern Conference, has been altogether excluded.

The items are as follows:

1. The application of Bro Miller for license, your committee beg to refer to the Ministerium.

2. The letter from Bro. Grimes, alluded to in the report, was not handed to your committee. We recommend that it be read before Synod.

3. With regard to the President's recommendation to re-open North Carolina College at the earliest possible day, your committee have no suggestions to offer, but would refer this subject to Synod for deliberation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MENGERT,
S. SCHERER,
DAVID BARRIER.

The committee in the case of Mr. J. Rumple submitted the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT NO. 8.

The undersigned in compliance with a resolution on the 20th page of the Minutes of last year, state that they have had an interview with Mr. Rumple, who is now a student in N. Carolina College, and report favorably in regard to his religious experience and motives for seeking to enter the christian ministry, and recommend him to the benificence of Synod.

WM. ARTZ,
J. B. ANTHONY.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., July 16, 1861.

Bro. B. C. Hall asked and obtained leave of absence until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

Synod now adjourned until Monday 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Bro. Artz.

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SABBATH DAY'S SERVICES.

The public services commenced at 10 o'clock, when Bro. J. H. Mengert preached the Ordination Sermon, from text, 2 Cor. 5 chap. 20 v., first clause, "*We are embassadors for Christ.*" Immediately after which, Bro. G. F. Schæffer received license to preach the Gospel, at the hands of the officers of Synod, then brothers L. A. Bikle and W. Kimball were invited forward and were solemnly ordained to the Gospel ministry by the imposition of hands and prayer.

In the afternoon the Holy Communion was administered to the members of Synod and about *five hundred* other members of the church. The occasion was truly solemn, no doubt many felt it might be their last earthly communion. May God sanctify the occasion to our eternal salvation.

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MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

After the usual religious services, Synod proceeded to business, it was—

6. *Resolved*, That we heartily rejoice in the successful labors of our South Carolina brethren in establishing a Luthern Church paper.

7. *Resolved*, That we cordially recommend the Southern Lutheran to the favorable notice and patronage of all our church members in the bounds of this Synod.

The committee of Finance next reported on the Treasurer's account of Synodical fund; also presented their report on Synodical contributions.

REPORT NO. 9.

Matthias Barrier, Treasurer, in acccount with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, Dr.

To balance in hands of Treasurer at last Synod,	$ 30.64½
To cash received at last Synod,	118.22
To cash collected in Wilmington, May, 1861,	9.00
Total,	$157.86½

1861.	*Vouchers.*	Cr.
May 11.—By cash to Prof. D. H. Bittle, as pr. order of Synod,		$ 19.00
Oct. 16.—By printing Minutes, to J. J. Bruner, as per order of Secretary,		80.00
1862. April 29.—By traveling expenses to Rev. J. A. Linn, as per order of Synod,		10.00
" " By balance in hands of Treasurer,		48.86½
	Total,	$157.86½

Respectfully submitted,
MATTHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

April 29, 1862.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of Synod, have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,
SAM'L. ROTHROCK,
G. D. BERNHEIM,
JOHN F. BLOOM.

REPORT NO. 10.

The Financial Committee would respectfully report the following Synodical Contributions:

Rev. John D. Scheck's Charge.

St. Paul's Church,.....$3 50
Frieden's " ..... 5 00——$8 50

Rev. William Artz' Charge.

Mt. Carmel Church,..... 3 00

Rev. Samuel Rothrock's Charge.

Organ Church,..... 10 00
St. Peter's..... 3 00——13 00

Rev. Jacob Crim's Charge.

Salem Church,..... 4 00

Rev. J. B. Anthony's Charge.

St. John's Church,.....14 25
Bear Creek " ..... 4 80——19 05

Rev. Joseph A. Linn's Charge.

St. Stephen's Church,..... 5 15
Luther's " 4 50
St. Martin's " ..... 2 65——12 30

Rev. J. D. Stingley's Charge.

St. Michael's Church,..... 2 40
St. Paul's " ..... 1 20—— 3 60

Rev. Simeon Scherer's Charge.

Bethel Church,..... 2 00

Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Charge.

Union Church, ... 4 35
Salisbury, ... 2 00—— 6 35

Rev. G. D. Bernheim's Charge.

St. Mark's Church, Charlotte, 5 00

Rev. Daniel I. Dreher's Charge.

Concord, ... 6 00

Rev. B. C. Hall's Charge.

Lau's Church, ... 3 45

Rev. William A. Julian's Charge.

Sandy Creek, ...2 35
Pilgrim, ...2 18
Beck's Church, ...2 30—— 6 83

Rev. James R. Sikes' Charge.

Hopewell, ...1 40
Nazareth, ... 83
Bethany, ...2 00
Carver's Church, ... 20—— 4 43

Rev. W. Kimball's Charge.

St. Paul's Church, ...3 33
Luther's Chapel, ... 4 10—— 7 43

Davie Mission.

St. Matthew's Church, ... 2 00
Jerusalem, ... 3 30—— 5 30
Mr. John Swicegood, ... 25

Rev. J. L. Smithdeal's Charge.

Beth Eden, Newton, ... 2 50
Thyatira ..... 2 00—— 4 50

Rev. J. S. Heilig's Charge.

St. Enoch's Church, ... 3 00
Trinity, " ..... 2 00—— 5 00

Total amount, ... $119 99

Respectfully submitted,
SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
G. D. BERNHEIM.

An election to supply the vacancy in the Board of Trustees for North Carolina College was now held, which resulted in the choice of Rev. S. Rothrock, Rev. J. A. Linn, C. Melchor and C. R. Miller.

An election for Corresponding Delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies was next held, and resulted as follows:

To South Carolina Synod—Rev. J. Crim, principal, and Rev. J. H. Mengert, alternate.

To the German Reformed Classis of N. C.—Rev. J. B. Anthony, principal, and Rev. J. D. Scheck, alternate.

Rev. J. B. Anthony, presented the following declaration, annulling our former connection with the General Synod of the United States of America, from the hand of Dr. J. Bachman, which was adopted.

"*Whereas*, The duty of rendering obedience to rulers and magistrates, as those ordained by God for the exercise of justice and the maintenance of order, is enjoined in the Word of God: *And whereas*, After years of injustice and oppression, in palpable violation of the Constitution of the then United States, inflicted on these Southern States by the former Government of the United States, these States seceded and formed a Government under the name of the Confederate States of America, therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in the wisdom of those councils and the heroism of our brave defenders, which have enabled us to form a government of our choice.

Resolved, That we recognize the right of these States in having seceded and formed an independent government, to which our undivided allegance is due.

Whereas, This Synod was formerly connected with the General Synod of the United States of America, in which we are represented by delegates, we have now arrived at the solemn conviction that it is essential to the good of our church and the glory of God, that the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of these Confederate States withdraw all connection with the Northern General Synod, and by this solemn and unanimous act declare our connection as a Synod dissolved.

Resolved, That we are in favor of forming a General Synod of the Confederate States on the basis of the Augsburg Confession, and that our delegates elected to the Convention, to be held in Salisbury, North Carolina, in this month, be empowered to vote for such an organization.

Resolved, That in the event of the formation of a Southern General Synod, our delegates be empowered to represent us in that Synod.

On motion, Synod now proceeded to elect *three* clerical, and *three* lay-delegates to represent us in said Convention, to meet in Salisbury, Thursday the 15th of May ensuing, as follows:

Primary—Rev'ds Daniel I. Dreher, Joseph A. Linn, and G. D. Bernheim. Messrs. Christopher Melchor, Paul A. Seaford, and R. Winecoff.

Alternates—Rev'ds William Artz, John D. Scheck, and Samuel Rothrock. Messrs. L. G. Heilig, J. Shimpoch, and M. Barringer.

8. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet again immediately after the meeting of the Missionary Society.

Closed with prayer by brother G. D. Bernheim.

MONDAY, 4½ o'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by brother L. C. Groseclose, and then proceeded to business.

The Committee on Education now reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT NO. 11.

The Committee on Education beg leave to present the following report:

Two documents were placed in their hands. The first is a report of the Board of Directors of North Carolina College, through their President, containing the actions of the Board during the past year. He informs your committee that the President and Professors of said College had tendered their resignations, which had been accepted; that they had in part liquidated the claims against the Board, and that they had indefinitely suspended the exercises, both of the Academic and Collegiate Departments, and expresses the hope that Synod will sustain them in their actions as set forth in his report. Your committee recommend that they be sustained in their acts.

The second document is a report of the Treasurer of our College, in which he states the present indebtedness of the Board to amount to $7,189,56.

Submitted with deference,

JOHN D. SCHECK,
JAMES R. SIKES,
W. KIMBALL.

An election was held for the place of the next annual meeting of Synod. Charlotte, N. C., was selected.

9. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it stands adjourned to meet in Charlotte, N. C., on Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

10. *Resolved*, That the Pastor-loci, at his convenience, tender the thanks of this Synod to our members and kind friends in the community of Organ Church, for the very hospitable manner that we have been entertained during our stay among them.

11. *Resolved*, That the Secretary procure the printing of such number of the minutes of this Synod, and in such form, as in his judgment, owing to the times, and the cost of printing material, he may think proper.

12. *Resolved*, That the minutes of the Missionary Society be appended to the minutes of Synod.

12. *Resolved*, That each member of this Synod endeavor to secure members to the "Relief Society," and report the same at our next annual meeting, with a view to its permanent organization.

14. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place already specified.

Closed with prayer and the benediction by the President.

JOSEPH A. LINN,
Secretary of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

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THURSDAY, 4 o'CLOCK, P. M.

The Ministerium immediately after the rising of Synod, declared itself in session for the transaction of business.

The Sermons and Journals of Rev'ds L. A. Bikle and W. Kimball, were handed in, and committees appointed to examine and report on the same.

On the Sermon and Journal of Prof. L. A. Bikle,—Committee, Rev'ds John D. Scheck and John Swicegood.

On the Sermon and Journal of Rev. W. Kimball—Committee, John H. Mengert and Jacob Crim.

Prof. G. F. Schæffer having made application to this Ministerium for license, he was requested to appear at the next meeting of this Ministerium.

The Ministerium now adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Closed with prayer by Rev. John H. Mengert.

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FRIDAY, 3 o'CLOCK, P. M.

The Ministerium opened with prayer by Rev. John H. Mengert.

The committee on the Sermon and Journal of brother Bikle reported the following, which was adopted:

REPORT NO. 1.

The committee appointed to examine the sermon and sketch of brother Bikle, have attended to the duty assigned them; and present the following report:

The sermon was based on James the first chapter and second verse, and is

well written; the language good; the style perspicuous; and the ideas clearly expressed.

The examination of this sermon, and the relation he has sustained to the Church, have induced your committee to recommend brother Bikle to an examination before the Ministerium, with a view to his ordination.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN D. SCHECK,
JOHN SWICEGOOD.

The brethren, Schæffer and Bikle, were admitted to examination, the former with a view to his licensure, and the latter, to his ordination. Pending this examination, it was on motion

1. *Resolved*, That the public examination be closed, and that brothers John H. Mengert and William Artz, continue said examination, and report at the next meeting of the Ministerium.

The Ministerium now closed with prayer by the Secretary, subject to the call of the President.

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SATURDAY, 3½ o'CLOCK, P. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer by Bro. S. Scherer.

The committee on the examination of the brethren, L. A. Bikle and G. F. Schæffer, reported as follows, which was adopted.

REPORT NO. 2.

Your committee having continued the examination of Professors L. A. Bikle and G. F. Schæffer as directed, beg leave to report, that they are satisfied with the result, and recommend the ordination of the former, and the licensure of the latter.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. ARTZ,
J. H. MENGERT.

The committee on the Sermon and Journal of Bro. W. Kimball, reported as follows, which was adopted.

REPORT NO. 3.

Note.—The Secretary, by some unaccountable oversight, has mislaid the committee's report.

The committee, however, reported favorably as to his diligence and improvement and recommended his ordination, whereupon—

Bro. Kimball was invited to appear before the Ministerium for examination with a view to his ordination. After a somewhat extended examination as to the doctrines, government and history of the Lutheran Church, &c.

It was then determined by ballot that Prof. G. F. Schæffer receive license for one year; and also that the brethren L. A. Bikle and W. Kimball be ordained.

2. *Resolved*, That Bro. J. H. Mengert preach the Ordination Sermon on Sabbath at 10 o'clock, A. M.

3. *Resolved*, That Prof. G. F. Schæffer receive licensure; and that Bros. L. A. Bikle and W. Kimball be solemnly ordained to-morrow after the Ordination Sermon.

4. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn subject to the call of the President.

Closed with prayer by Bro. D. M. Blackwelder.

TUESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Ministerium was opened with prayer Bro. J. D. Scheck.

The application of Bro. M. M. Miller for licensure came up for consideration, when it was determined by ballot that his application be not sustained.

5. *Resolved*, That this Ministerium now adjourn *sine die*.

Closed with prayer by Bro. D. M. Blackwelder and benediction by the President.

JOS. A. LINN,
Secretary of Ministerium.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina.

ORGAN CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY, MAY, 5, 1862.

The exercises of the Society were commenced with a sermon by Rev. D. W. Blackwelder, Corresponding Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, after which the Society was called to order by the President.

A committee was appointed to receive contributions for membership.

Contributed by members,		$37 55
CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.		
Rev. S. Scherer's Charge.		
Bethel Church,		5 15
Rev. L. C. Groseclose's Charge.		
Union,	$19 40	
Salisbury,	4 44	23 84
Rev. W. Artz's Charge.		
Mount Carmel, (apportionment)		5 40
Rev. D. I. Dreher's Charge.		
Concord,		13 00
Rev. J. D. Bernheim's Charge.		
Charlotte,		12 25
		$97 19

On the preceding day a public collection was also taken, amounting to $20, as may be seen in the Treasurer's Report.

On motion, the officers of last year were re-elected, except the Secretary, who wished to be excused.

Officers :—Rev. B. C. HALL, President,
" J. A. LINN, Vice-President,
" S. SCHERER, Secretary,
" D. I. DREHER, Corresponding Secretary,
" S. ROTHROCK, Treasurer.

The Treasurer read his Annual Report, which was referred to an auditing committee.

Committee :—Rev. L. C. Groseclose, and W. A. Julian.

The Chairman appointed Rev. W. A. Julian to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next annual meeting, and Rev. J. D. Scheck his alternate.

In view of the indebtedness of the Society, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we adopt the recommendation of Synod to this Society, and authorize our Executive Committee to ascertain our entire indebtedness, and apportion our liabilities among all our congregations for liquidation.

Resolved, That the note of $50, which the Society holds against Rev. J. L. Smithdeal, be surrendered to him at the expiration of one year's service, on his part, in the Catawba mission field.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's account now reported.

The committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct, except an error of ten cents against himself, which they have corrected.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
W. A. JULIAN.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Treasurer, in account with Synodical Missionary Society:

1861.		DR.
May 4	—To note and cash as per last Annual Report,	$ 61 10
"	To cash as per last annual report,	22 25
"	To cash at annual meeting, Wilmington,	69 58
"	To cash from Prof. C. O. Pape,	50
" 5	—To public collection in 1st Presbyterian Church, Wilmington,	8 84
July 21	—To cash from Missionary Society of St. Peter's Church, per D. Earnhart, Tresaurer,	29 20
"	To contribution by Paul N. Heilig, Esq.,	5 00
Aug. 4	—To cash from St. Matthew's Church, per Rev. Jo. A. Linn,	8 00
"	To contribution by Mrs. Jane Coleman,	2 00
" 17	—To cash from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer,	21 75
"	To interest from Mis. and Ed. Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treas.	15 30
" 18	—To cash from Luther's Church, per Rev. J. A. Linn,	6 00
"	To cash from St. Stephen's Church, per P. J. Lentz,	3 00
" 19	—To cash from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer,	2 75
" 26	—To cash borrowed of B. F. Fraley, to pay Rev. J. H. Mengert's Missionary wages,	130 00
Sept. 13	—To cash from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer,	3 25
"	To cash in 1860 from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer, inadvertently omitted in last annual repoat,	8 75
Oct. 9	—To cash from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer,	50
" 24	—To interest from Missionary and Education Society of Organ Church, per Paul N. Heilig, Treasurer,	10 25

"	To cash from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer,	6 25
Nov. 4	To contribution by L. H. Rothrock,	2 00
1862.		
Jan. 12	To cash from St. Stephen's Church, per Peter J. Lentz,	10 00
"	To cash from Missionary Society of Organ Church, per P. N. Heilig, Treasurer.	3 25
May 1	To cash from Luther's Church, per Rev. Joseph A. Linn,	5 70
"	To cash from St. Matthew's Church, per Rev. Jo. A. Linn,	3 00
"	To contribution by Rev. Joseph A. Linn,	5 00
"	To cash for Forsythe mission, from Frieden's Church, per Rev. John D. Scheck,	24 50
"	To cash for Forsythe Mission, from St. Paul's Church, per Rev. John D. Scheck,	5 50
"	To Centenary int., Bethel Church, per Rev. J. B. Anthony,	1 20
"	To amount of D. M. Wagner's note, (prin. and int.)	54 44
" 3	To cash for Forsythe Mission, per Rev. W. A. Julian,	16 10
" 4	To public collection in Organ Church,	20 00
	Total,	$564 96

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1861.			
May 4	By note and cash as per last Annual Report,	$ 61	10
" 5	By cash to Rev. John H. Mengert, Missionary,	100	00
" 20	By error, no partial payment having been made on D. M. Wagner's note,	13	00
Aug. 5	By cash to Rev. John H. Mengert, Missionary,	40	00
" 20	By cash to " "	53	00
" 26	By cash to " "	130	00
Oct. 30	By partial payment on B. F. Fraley's note,	29	00
Nov. 12	By cash to Rev. J. H. Mengert, Missionary,	2	00
1862.			
Mar. 15	By partial payment on Benjamin F. Fraley's note,	13	00
May 5	By cash to Rev. James R. Sikes, Missionary,	46	10
" 5	By balance in hands of Treasurer,	77	76
	Total,	$564	96

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the money, now in the hands of the Treasurer, be divided, pro rata, among the Missionaries who have claims against the Society.

Resolved, That Bro. S. Scherer receive a note from this Society, for whatever may be due him, after receiving his portion of the funds on hand.

Resolved, That the Secretary prepare a synopsis of the proceedings of this meeting, and request Synod to have the same printed with the Minutes.

Resolved, That the Society now adjourn, to meet again at the call of the President, at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

SIMEON SCHERER, Secretary.